## **LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD**

## Minutes of October 16, 2013

The Louisiana Gaming Control Board conducted a meeting on Wednesday, October 16, 2013, 10:00 a.m., in House Committee Room 6 of the Louisiana State Capitol. Present at the meeting were: Ronnie Jones, Chairman, Ayres Bradford, Robert Jones, James Singleton, Denise Noonan, Claude Mercer, Claude Jackson and Robert Gaston. Absent was board member Mark Stipe and ex-officio members, Colonel Mike Edmonson and Secretary Tim Barfield.

The meeting was called to order. Chairman Jones stated he had recently visited and met General Managers in all but two casinos, and will continue to do so until he has met with all General Managers and visited the remaining two casinos. He encouraged the board members to also visit the casinos.

It was moved by Mr. Singleton to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the September meeting. That motion was seconded by Mr. Gaston and unanimously approved by the Board.

Ms. Donna Jackson, State Police Gaming Audit Division, presented revenue reports for the riverboats, landbased casino, slots at the tracks, and employment numbers for the landbased casino. Mr. Jim Bossier, also with the Gaming Audit Division, reported on the video poker statistics.

Mr. Michael Tyler, Assistant Attorney General in the Gaming Division, requested that consideration of the riverboat staffing request by PNK Bossier Inc. d/b/a Boomtown Casino Bossier City – No. R016500701, be deferred until the November meeting. It was moved by Mr. Bradford to defer the matter until the November 21<sup>st</sup> meeting. That motion was seconded by Ms. Noonan and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Tyler also requested that the Board defer action on consideration of Certificate of Compliance for the Alternate Inspection of the gaming vessel of Louisiana 1 Gaming L.P. d/b/a Boomtown Belle Casino Harvey – No. R012600196. It was moved by Mr. Singleton to defer action on the matter and issue a temporary Certificate of Compliance for Louisiana 1 Gaming L.P. d/b/a Boomtown Belle Casino Harvey. That motion was seconded by Ms. Noonan and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board acted on proposed settlements and an appeal in the following:

**1. In Re: Penny's Cafe Inc. d/b/a Penny's Café** – **No. 4400209900** – Motion by Mr. Singleton to approve the \$3,500 penalty for operating with expired local alcohol and ATC permits. That motion was seconded by Mr. Bradford and unanimously approved by the Board.

- **2.** In Re: Shemeka L. Franklin No. P040035002 Motion by Mr. Gaston to approve the \$500 penalty for failure to notify the Division of an arrest. That motion was second by Mr. Jones and unanimously approved by the Board.
- 3. In Re: Hill City Oil Company, Inc. of Mississippi d/b/a Jubilee Truckstop Casino No. 4700512626 Motion by Mr. Jackson to approve the \$3,000 penalty for failure to notify the Division of name changes and of the issuance of an ATC violation for operating video gaming devices without a valid and current ATC permit. That motion was seconded by Ms. Noonan and unanimously approved by the Board.
- **4. In Re:** Artie's LLC d/b/a Artie's No. 2603113498 Motion by Mr. Gaston to approve the \$25,000 penalty for final settlement of all issues and allegations involving Artie's, LLC d/b/a Artie's. The settlement included admission that Frank J. Marullo is unsuitable, a permanent bar of Frank J. Marullo from participating in the business affairs of Artie's in any capacity and from entering the property. That motion was seconded by Mr. Jackson and unanimously approved by the Board.
- 5. In Re: Tina's Café, LLC d/b/a Wiggin's #2 No. 5105215416 Motion by Mr. Bradford to remand this matter to the Hearing Officer for thirty days from the signing of this judgment to allow Wiggin's #2 time to submit a federal tax clearance. Failure by Wiggin's to produce a tax clearance will result in the revocation of the license. If the tax clearance is produced, the Hearing Officer may impose a civil penalty for failure to have timely submitted a tax clearance. That motion was seconded by Mr. Singleton and unanimously approved by the Board.

There being no further comments, it was moved by Mr. Gaston to adjourn. That motion was seconded by Ms. Noonan and unanimously approved by the Board.

The meeting was adjourned.